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RE: Telemarketing Rulemaking - Comment FTC File No. R411001

Dear Chairman Muris:

I am writing concerning the FTC's proposed Telemarketing Sales Rule. This rule is ambitious and, if it were adopted, would significantly alter the landscape for consumers and industry.

In particular, I urge you to consider the possible consequences of this rule on the teleservices industry, which employs over six million people. Many constituents in my district are employed in this industry, which every day provides a wide variety of goods and services to satisfied customers around the country.

I urge the FTC to not unintentionally punish companies that seek to uphold high standards and are respectful of consumer wishes. Certainly, the teleservices industry has its share of bad actors, but I encourage fair consideration of those companies that do comply with existing law and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Representative in Congress

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Thank you!